



ATOMIC AGE STARTED RIGHT HERE

Peggy Ackerman of Torrance High School, whose scientific brilliance won for her a trip to Chicago as a delegate to the National Youth Conference on the Atom, looks over a model of the site of the first nuclear chain reaction on display at the conference. With Peggy is one of the conference speakers, Dr. D. S. Heesch (left), director of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Va., and Charles Pillet, Peggy's science teacher at Torrance High. Peggy and her teacher were among the delegation of 12 students and teachers sponsored by the Southern California Edison Co.

# Science Whiz Tells of Chicago

## Student Reports on National Youth Conference on Atom

By PEGGY ACKERMAN  
(Special to Press-Herald)  
Could this be Peggy Ackerman, flying from the second busiest airport in the country, Los Angeles, to the busiest, Chicago, via first-class jet? And staying on the twelfth floor of the Sheraton-Chicago, all expenses paid?

It wasn't a fairy tale; neither was I dreaming. Five Southern California students and I, with our science teachers, flew to the Windy City on October 26 as guests of the Southern California Edison Company, to participate in the National Youth Conference on the Atom.

In the Grand Ballroom Thursday morning, the Conference was underway with a message from President Johnson. Then—onward into the fields of Science! While listening to top scientists in their fields, we sped from the intricate workings of the atom to outer space and pictures taken of Mars by Mariner. Surrounded by 300 active and alert students, I was influenced by this fertile environment to think and reason and question.

Following dinner, the evening was open, and the three hundred science students became three hundred typical teenagers. There were so many places to explore:

Lake Michigan, the stores along Michigan Avenue, the view from the wind-blown balcony on the forty-fifth floor.

Friday was spent visiting the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry and Argonne National Laboratory. In the evening, our rapidly-tiring feet coursed the halls of the Museum, and we were intrigued by the many exhibits which showed the past, present, and future of science and industry. Following lunch, we toured the numerous facilities of Argonne National Laboratory. On the life science tour, I discovered what remarkable progress has been made through the use of radiation in the field of cancer research, and I found that the "Atomic Age" isn't just a phrase; at Argonne, it is a reality.

Saturday was our last day, filled with scientific lectures and sentimental good-byes.

Many of these kids I'll never see again, but these past three days in Chicago have been filled with thinking, working and playing hard, and we'll remember the useful knowledge gained, the friendships formed, and the challenge and incentive given us to live in and help form this modern world.

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### Wedding Belles



MRS. RONALD BAUER  
(Photo Arts Studio)



MRS. LEE BACKUS  
(Stanford Photo)

#### POLLARD-BAUER

Miss Linda Ann Polliard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Polliard, 1014 Felbar Ave., became the bride of Ronald S. Bauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bauer, 18902 Felbar, in an afternoon ceremony at the Torrance First Christian Church.

Rev. H. M. Sippel officiated at the double ring ceremony for which the bride wore a traditional gown of white lace over satin detailed with long sleeves, scalloped neckline, and a chapel train. Her triple tiered veil fell from a cluster of white organza roses and her bouquet was of white roses, gardenias and ivy.

In emerald green velvet gowns, attendants were Mrs. Karen Patton, Mrs. Ann Bartusch, Miss Donna Hedrick and Miss Jo Ann McDade. Kelly Buck was flower girl and Jeffrey Beamer carried the rings.

John M. Bauer stood as his brother's best man and ushers were Warren Nagand, Paul Bauer and Steve Skaggs.

A reception was held at the church with Mrs. Virginia Costantino in charge of the guest register.

The honeymoon was spent in Palm Springs and the new address is 1014 Felbar.

The bride was graduated from Torrance High School and the El Camino School of Cosmetology.

#### LePONT-BACKUS

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Backus are now at home at 1805 Wardlow, Long Beach following their recent marriage at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Long Beach. Mrs. Backus is the former Yvonne LePont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger LePont, 25221 Eshelman Ave., Long Beach. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Phil Backus of Hawthorne.

Mr. LePont escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore a gown of Chantilly lace over white bonded crepe, fashioned with a train. A net and pearl headpiece secured her full veil and she carried white carnations.

Bridal attendants were Mrs. Madeleine Hermeyer, sister of bride and Miss Nancy Deare.

Dave Snow stood as best man. Rev. Sean Murry officiated at the 11 a.m. ceremony. Mrs. Dorothy Crotty, organist, played the nuptial music and accompanied Mrs. Connie Smith, soloist.

A buffet luncheon followed the wedding. Mrs. Jeannine Wright was in charge of her sister's bridal book.

The honeymoon was spent at Solvang.

The new Mrs. LePont was graduated from St. Margaret Mary School, Narbonne High school and is a home economics major at Long Beach State College.

## Television Helps Anne With English Lessons

By HAL FISHER  
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A young lady in Oslo, Norway tells a friend about her recent trip to the United States. A doctor's wife in California is told by a man at a dinner about some new domestic help his daughter recently acquired. And so, through these two incidents the wheels are set in motion and eventually bring Anne Larsen of Sortland, Norway, halfway around the world to Torrance.

After talking to her friend, Anne decided that she, too, would like to visit the United States and Mr. Ralph Black wanted some domestic help so she could help her husband in his office. The Scandia Agency in Pasadena, which recruits throughout the Scandinavian countries for girls to work as domestics in Southern California, got Anne and the Blacks together.

Anne was working as a nurse's aid at a hospital in Oslo when she started the transfer process by contacting the Scandia Agency in Oslo. From the time Mrs. Black chose Anne from the files in the Pasadena office until she arrived here in July, 1966, a half year had elapsed. The red tape included exchanges of letters and forms between Anne and the Blacks and between the two Scandia offices. The Blacks also had to file letters with the Labor Department in Sacramento and the American Embassy in Oslo.

The long-awaited day finally arrived and Anne is now with the Black family in Torrance. Under the terms of the contract Anne

must remain with the Blacks for a year, during which time the Blacks will be responsible for her. After that, Anne can stay as long as she wishes as she is here on a permanent work visa.

Anne's duties with the Blacks include cleaning the house and helping to take care of the family's three children. She also is treating the family to Norwegian cuisine and learning to cook American dishes.

She is improving her English by taking a night class at Torrance High School and by reading many books. She says that television is a great aid in learning "American English." Her leisure activities include touring Los Angeles with a Norwegian girlfriend and going to dances at a discotheque frequented by Los Angeles' Scandinavian colony.

Anne's impressions of the Los Angeles area after four months range from favorable—our climate and the friendliness of the people—to unfavorable—our traffic and our not-so-rapid public transportation system. She says she has developed a passion for pies and southern fried chicken which she doesn't get in Norway.

Anne has traveled extensively in her 24 years. One of her jobs after she completed her schooling was as a stewardess on a cruise ship which made regular runs between Norway and Australia. When asked if she planned to settle down; now that she has seen the United States she said, "Well, I haven't seen Hawaii yet."



ON THE JOB

Anne Larsen, now working for the Ralph Black family in Torrance, takes time out from the kitchen to prepare a quick refresher for Jamie, 7, and Melody, 8. Miss Larsen, who comes from Norway, is working for the Black family while seeing some of the Los Angeles area. Arrangements for Anne's trip to the United States were made by a Pasadena agency which recruits domestic help from the Scandinavian Countries for families in Southern California.

(Press-Herald Photo by Hal Fisher)

## Republican Women Will Install Carolyn Kimes Weds John Holmes

The South Bay Club of Federated Republican Women will install 1967 officers at a noon luncheon Thursday at the Indian Village.

Guest speaker and installation official will be Mrs.

### Anniversary Celebration

The 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Kyllingstad, former residents of Torrance, will be honored by their children with an open house at the home of Gilbert Kyllingstad, 919 N. Diane St., Santa Ana, Nov. 13.

The Kyllingstads have resided at 957 W. George St., Banning, since Mr. Kyllingstad's retirement from Douglas Aircraft Co.

Donald P. Kretz, president of the California Federation of Republican Women.

Mrs. Roland Blakeman of El Segundo will be installed as president for a second term. Vice presidents will be Mrs. James Matthews, first; Mrs. Anna Frysinger, second; Mrs. Truman McNeely, third. Other officers will be Mrs. George W. Mousel, recording secretary; Mrs. Gordon McFarlane, treasurer; and Mrs. Don Hunter of Redondo Beach, financial secretary.

Area directors will be Mmes. William Kessener; E. B. Fahringer; Shelley Jones, James M. Knox, and Martin Faerber.

Luncheon reservations are available by telephoning Mrs. Bertha Walters. All Republican women are invited to attend.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was the setting recently for an early afternoon wedding ceremony in which Miss Carolyn Kimes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimes, 5110 Paseo del Pavo, Torrance, became the bride of John Holmes. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. John E. Holmes, 24407 Covecrest, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Rev. Marvin Rygh officiated at the double ring ceremony which was attending by 200 guests.

Mr. Kimes escorted his daughter to the altar. She wore an empire gown with an imported Italian lace bodice and sleeves and a full white crepe skirt. Her French illusion veil was held by a floral petal illusion headpiece sprinkled with pearls. The bridal bouquet was of white butterfly orchids and stephanotis.

In pink gowns, attendants were Miss Kathy Kimes, maid of honor; Mrs. Jane Kaul and Misses Cindy Kimes and Mary Weaver, bridesmaids. Tainmy Holmes was flower girl.

Edward L. Holmes stood as his brother's best man and ushers were Robert Krueger, Norbert Peterson, James Kaul and Campbell Hanen.

A church reception followed and the newlyweds spent a honeymoon in Hawaii. They are at home on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The bride is a graduate of South High School, El Camino and Long Beach State College, where she pledged Gamma Phi Delta. She is also a graduate of the California College of Commerce.

Mr. Holmes was graduated from Torrance High and El Camino. He served four years with the United States Navy and is a building contractor.



MRS. JOHN HOLMES  
(Art's Photography)